

Thursday, October 23 2003

Chairman Michael K. Powell  
445 12th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20554

VIA FACSIMILE

Dear Chairman Powell,

Dear FCC:

Please understand that the bulk of movie piracy does not involve the American viewing public. Americans are for the most part the best customers that movie studios have. Look how much they will be eating up DVD releases of The Matrix Reloaded. Given the high standard of living of Americans (compared to the rest of the world), it doesn't make sense for most Americans to 'pirate' movies, if 'piracy' means being able to tape a broadcast. Me, I'd rather have nice packaging also. And even tapers and burners will grow up, get jobs, then find that they don't have the time to spend to 'pirate'. They'd rather just buy the CD or DVD.

As recent articles in the news show, a lot of the piracy in Asia comes from pre-Oscar DVDs that Hollywood itself sends out to promote its movies. How silly and stupid is that?

Let the MPAA find more efficient ways to deal with its problems and not go after the easy pickings (who are for the most part innocent.)

Thanks.

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Please respect the Supreme Court's decision on home videotaping, and please do not force consumers to purchase expensive equipment in order to view digital television

I have already invested a great deal of money in an HDTV display, a high definition tuner, and the necessary cables to connect these. None of this equipment has DVI connections, and none of it has "Firewire" connections. Conservatively, the total money spent on this equipment was in excess of \$6000. And, all of this equipment is less than one year old.

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I have a considerable investment made in digital electronics to enhance my enjoyment of *different media*. My concern lies in my belief that the broadcast flag gives the content deliverers (not necessarily the producers) more control over what happens in my living room than I have. I find the constant chipping away at my rights that have occurred over the last 15 to 20 years by the various media conglomerates, with help from the U.S. Government, as this nation has progressed into a more digital capable society alarming.

I have already invested heavily in digital television (HDTV Monitor and Tuner, and was considering an HD capable VCR or DVR, but will not make that investment if the broadcast flag becomes a reality), and I am convinced that a large portion of that investment may have been ill advised as my schedule rarely lines up with the major networks schedule. Through the use of digital technology I have been able to flex their schedule to match mine, however, I see the broadcast flag as being the first huge step in the process of taking away my control. Perhaps the greatest threat to the content deliverers lies in the fact that implementation of the broadcast flag, at least in its current form, would mean that I, and certainly many more like myself who use technology to allow for flexibility in scheduling, would no longer be a consumer of this programming, which would therefore cause them more harm.

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These efforts attempt to secure the FTC's cooperation in introducing barriers to entry of new providers who would be competitors and innovators in the media industry, and would help to hold down costs to the public while making new services available.

The attempt of established media conglomerates to use the red herring of intellectual property to lock competitors out of the market and to deprive consumers of the right to use media product as they see fit must be seen for what it is by the Commission, and rejected.

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